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Commission on Vocational and Technical Education
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INDIANA COMMISSION ON VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

**Ivy Tech State College
220 Dean Johnson Blvd.
South Bend, Indiana**

May 19, 2000

Minute No. 30

Call to Order – Item I. – Chair Brown called the meeting of the Indiana Commission on Vocational and Technical Education to order at 10:15 a.m.

Minute No. 31

Pledge of Allegiance – Item II. – Chair Brown led the Commission members and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Minute No. 32

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum – Item III. Chair Brown declared a quorum present. Commission members Andrew Brown, Kenneth Pierce, Marnia Kennon, Larry Ferguson, and John Egger were in attendance. Commission members Paul Hernandez, Steven Pitts, John Patterson, and Dan Theobald were not in attendance. There are two vacancies on the Commission.

Minute No. 33

Discussion Item – Item IV. – Consideration of March 17, 2000 Minutes, Document 00-2

Terry Fields, State Director of Vocational and Technical Education stated a change needed to be made on Minute No. 26. Instead of Sex Equity, it should read Gender Equity. Commission Member Ferguson moved the Minutes of the March 17, 2000 Meeting, Document 00-2 be approved as amended. Seconded by Commission Member Kennon; unanimously carried. (Copy filed with official Minutes.)

Action: Approved Commission Minutes as amended

Minute No. 34

Discussion Item – Item V. – State Director's Report

Mr. Fields reported the Governor's office is in the process of reviewing nominations to fill the two vacancies on the Commission. Mr. Fields thanked those who attended the dinner at Ivy Tech State College the evening prior to the meeting and also expressed his appreciation to Commission Member Kennon, Dr. Carl Lutz, and Dr. Gene Bruce for hosting the Commission Meeting in the new South Bend Ivy Tech facility.

Mr. Fields reported on the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting which was held in April. Recommendations were made on Core Indicators of Performance at this meeting.

Mr. Fields updated the Commission on the Indiana Essential Skills and Technical Proficiency Initiative. There have been approximately 3000 Certificates of Technical Achievement awarded including those to incumbent workers. School teachers from all over the state are being trained and registered as assessment sites on an ongoing basis.

Mr. Fields updated the Commission on the Training Center being constructed at the Eastside Workforce Development Office. The center should be completed early this fall and will be used for training individuals in the Essential Skills and Technical Proficiency Initiative.

Mr. Fields announced the Department of Workforce Development and Commission on Vocational and Technical Education had the opportunity to apply for funds under section 118 of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (Perkins III). These funds are to be used for career guidance and counseling activities in conjunction with Indiana Career and Postsecondary Advancement Center (ICPAC). Mr. Scott Gilley and staff from ICPAC will update the Commission at the next meeting on ICPAC's career guidance activities.

Mr. Fields announced the upcoming Indiana Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Conference. The conference will be held August 7 and 8 at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites, Keystone at the Crossing, Indianapolis. Any Commission member wanting to attend may contact Melissa Wafford to be registered.

Mr. Fields discussed the National Skill Standards Board Meeting. A total of fifteen states were represented and more states are interested in joining. The meeting was based on creating a partnership with other states on certification involving various occupational skills by area. The impact would be creating resources for a crosswalk between states for certifications.

Mr. Fields reported the U.S. Department of Education now has identified sixteen career clusters. USDOE is funding some national projects to look at developing each core in specialty areas as was done in the manufacturing area. DWD will meet with the USDOE to create a consortium to discuss the eleven areas that have been done.

Mr. Fields announced the meeting of the Indiana Foundation of Vocational and Technical Education at 1:00 p.m. At this meeting, Mr. Joe Smith, Executive Director, Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism will brief the Foundation on their goals to help communities, individuals, and students. There will be discussion and action concerning his Commission being part of the Foundation.

Discussion on the sixteen career clusters and the Foundation followed.

Minute No. 35

Decision Item – Item VI. – Old Business

There were no Decision Items to come before the Commission.

Minute No. 36

Decision Item – Item VII. – New Business

There were no Decision Items to come before the Commission.

Minute No. 37

Information and Discussion Items – Item VIII.A. – State and Federal Legislation

Mr. Fields updated the Commission on the Federal legislation. DWD is now in the second year of the five-year plan under Perkins III. In the first year states were allowed to use the Perkins II formula to determine the allocations to area vocational schools and postsecondary institutions. Beginning this year, states are to use total population of 15 to 19 year olds instead of using Title I poverty level as under Perkins II which affects area vocational schools. This new formula is a challenge due to the age of the data available. The formula for postsecondary institutions remains the same. Core performance measures also will be negotiated with USDOE before Indiana receives federal funds under Perkins III.

Mr. Fields reported on State Legislation. At the conclusion of the last legislative session, no final action was taken on the state funding formula. Since there was action during the 1999 session, the only implementation changes were in the effective date. This was changed from 2001 to 2002 and the change of November to April for the time when the classification of programs is determined. The next session of the General Assembly will begin January. A meeting was held between DWD, State School Superintendents Association, the State School Board Association, and the Indiana Association of Area Vocational Districts on the implementation of the new budget legislation. Mr. Fields shared a draft document on secondary vocational programs by funding levels. (Copy filed with Official Minutes.) The Indiana Workforce Proficiency Panel is researching other state and national certifications to add to this list of programs. Discussion on the State Legislation and funding formula followed.

Steve Barkdull, Area Vocational Director, Elkhart Area Career Center, asked for the opportunity to speak. He addressed the ICVTE concerning the new state secondary vocational education funding formula and the detrimental effect he anticipates based on preliminary funding figures for his feeder high schools. He expressed concern that with reduced vocational education funding to high schools, fewer students would be sent to the Career Center. He stressed that area vocational programs prepare students for further education and training, as well as employment. But, Mr. Barkdull emphasized that he sees three additional benefits to students: dropout prevention, values education and rigorous integration of academic and occupational preparation which especially assists students needing remediation. Enrollments at the Career Center have nearly doubled in recent years due to improved communication about the benefits of career preparation. He noted that reimbursing schools based on preparation for the labor market is the wave of the future; however, he cautioned that this new direction may cause educational decisions to be based on financial gain or loss data only.

Commission members Egger and Ferguson commented on the transition of local control and the importance of constituents working together to impact legislators and local/regional governing groups such as the Workforce Investment Boards.

Information and Discussion Items – Item VIII.B. – Panel: Secondary and Postsecondary Education and Workforce Development

Panel consisted of: Dr. Gene Bruce, Ivy Tech State College, Juan Manigualt, Executive Director, Workforce Development Services of Northern Indiana and William Horsely, Area Vocational Director, South Bend Schools.

Mr. Manigualt updated the Commission on the South Bend area employers and the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) in the South Bend area. The WIB has been recognized as a national and state leader for innovation and collaboration. Youth Partnerships include 25 school corporations in a four county region as well as all Catholic schools. The WIB is comprised of 58 members with a business majority including education, organized labor, area one stops and community organizations. The Education and Careers Youth Council has 45 members including school superintendents, administrators, parents, and teachers. The mission of the WIB is to promote and support positive regional economic growth and a competitive workforce.

Mr. William Horsely discussed the South Bend School Corporation and what they are doing with vocational and technical education. The school corporation's main goal is to ensure students leave with a saleable skill to enter the workforce. These skills are both entry level and academic. The vocational school programs are intertwined with high school courses. Their mission and primary goal is to prepare students to enter the workforce and be successful. South Bend area schools have co-op as well as hands-on laboratory programs.

Dr. Gene Bruce indicated that Ivy Tech's four county area matches the four county WIB area. Dr. Bruce discussed perpetual learning compared to continuous learning. Some concerns are lack of motivation of some individuals to continue learning beyond high school. All incoming students are placed in an orientation class to assist them in their first year in college. Ivy Tech State College works in conjunction with the Juvenile Justice Center and Family and Children Center. Individuals of all ages need to have a career path for perpetual learning and have a chance for a two or four-year college degree if in their career path. If a graduate from Ivy Tech joins the workforce and they are deficient in some area of learning, Ivy Tech will reimburse the student up to twelve credit hours to get the deficiencies fixed. Discussion on what the Commission could do for the Panel followed.

Chair Brown introduced Joe Smith, Executive Director, Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism. Mr. Smith updated the Commission on the Community Service Commission and its responsibilities. The priorities of the Commission for the citizens of Indiana are to promote service and volunteerism. This is done through AmeriCorp. This is an opportunity for young and old to volunteer for one year of service for \$8000 per year to a local supportive need in that community. The Community Service Commission will be affiliated with the Department of Workforce Development and the School-to-Work Initiative.

Mr. Fields invited everyone to the Indiana Foundation on Vocational and Technical Education meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Information and Discussion Items – Item VIII.C. – Feedback from Commission Members Visits to Vocational and Technical Education

There was no activity to report. Commission members expressed their appreciation for the tour of the new Ivy Tech facility.

Commission Member Pierce thanked Commission member Kennon, Gene Bruce and his staff, and the Panel for hosting the Commission meeting.

Minute No. 40

Adjournment – Item IX. There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

(Date)

Andrew Brown, Chair

Dan Theobald, Secretary

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MEETING ACTION

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33	Approved Commission Minutes as amended